## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: MUNRO et al. Group Art Unit: 3733

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For: DEVICE FOR BONE FIXATION Attorney Docket No.: 8932-1091-999

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the non-final Office Action dated July 27, 2006 be extended for a period of 2 month(s) from October 27, 2006 to and including December 27, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$450.00 (large entity). Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 27, 2006

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